

REMARKS

In the final Office Action, the Examiner had rejected the previous claims under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Hohberger in view of Pagnol.

Claim 51 distinguishes over Hohberger at least by first reciting providing the unchangeable identifier unique in the transponder which is later read. In Hohberger there is no such teaching of reading an unchangeable unique identifier from a transponder. The Examiner acknowledged this and cited Pagnol in combination with Hohberger for this feature.

Secondly, claim 51 distinguishes by reciting that after the printing, the unchangeable identifier is read and then linked to information previously printed on the printed document. In Hohberger a file known as a member data base at 314 in Fig. 19 is provided where information associated with a card member is printed on a card and that information is linked with card member information also written on the transponder. As shown in the flow chart of Fig. 15, if an RFID is used in the label, the RFID is programmed with step 160 and then the label is printed at step 181. As shown at Fig. 19, the data base 314 contains the information which is to be programmed into the RFID and also printed. Significantly, from Figs. 15 and 19 and also the disclosure at column 9, paragraph 0111, it is clear that Hohberger is not teaching a reading of a unique identifier from the transponder after printing the information on the recording medium and then linking that read unique identifier to the information previously printed. To the contrary, in Fig. 15, Hohberger merely discloses a programming of the RFID and to print with the appropriate data taken from the storage 314, but

there is no reading after the printing and then linking the read unique unchangeable identifier in the file with the information previously printed before the reading. Therefore claim 51 readily distinguishes.

Pagnol does not supply the deficiencies of Hohberger since Pagnol merely discloses different identity codes on a plurality of transponders in a common region as shown in Fig. 1 for reading by antenna 2 which reads all of the numbers from the transponders in the antenna field. There is no disclosure whatsoever in Pagnol of printing the information from the file, then reading the unique unchangeable identifier from the transponder, and then linking that read unchangeable unique identifier in the file with the information that was previously printed before the reading.

Dependent claims 52-64 distinguish at least for the reasons claim 51 distinguishes and also by reciting additional features not suggested.

Independent claim 65 distinguishes at least by reciting providing the unique identifier stored in unchangeable fashion in the transponder, printing the file information, thereafter reading the unique identifier, and thereafter linking the unchangeable unique identifier in the file with the information previously printed. Thus, claim 64 distinguishes in a manner similar to claim 51 and is allowable as argued above with respect to claim 51. Dependent claim 66 and 67 are allowable at least for the reasons claim 65 is allowable and also by reciting additional features not suggested.

Independent claim 68 distinguishes at least by reciting the unchangeable unique identifier stored in the transponder, and also by reciting printing the file

information, reading the unique identifier from the transponder, and then linking the unique identifier in the file to the previously printed information. Thus claim 69 also distinguishes in a manner similar to claim 51.

Independent claim 69 distinguishes over Hohberger first by reciting providing a transponder having an unchangeable identifier. Claim 69 further distinguishes by reciting reading the unchangeable unique identifier from the transponder, then printing the information from the file, the unique identifier being linked in the file to the information printed on the recording medium. In Hohberger Fig. 15 there is only programming of the RFID and then printing on the medium. There is no reading of the unique identifier, then printing the information from the file on the recording medium, the unique identifier being linked in the file to the information printed.

Pagnol only discloses assigning identity codes to a plurality of transponders and a common field of an antenna 2 where all of the numbers are read and thus does not satisfy the deficiencies of Hohberger.

Dependent claims 70-78 distinguish at least for the reasons noted with respect to claim 69 and also by reciting additional features in combination which distinguish.

Allowance of the case is respectfully requested.

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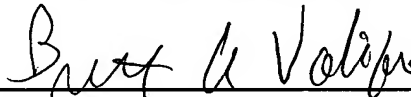
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